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SENATE BILL

No. 1733

Introduced by Senator Knight

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bates and Cunneen)

February 23, 2000

An act to amend Section 44277 of the Education Code, relating to pupil and personnel health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1733, as amended, Knight. Pupil and personnel health.

Existing law authorizes a school district or school to provide a comprehensive program in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation pursuant to stated guidelines. Existing law requires a teacher to participate in 150 hours of professional growth over a 5-year period to maintain a clear teaching credential.

The bill would authorize, as of January 1, 2001, an individual program of professional growth to include a course in first aid that meets or exceeds the standards established by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or the Emergency Medical Services Authority. The bill would provide that the first aid course may count toward the ~~150-hour~~ 150-hour professional growth requirement.

The bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 44277 of the Education Code, proposed by AB 1945, to be operative only if AB 1945 and this bill are both chaptered and

become effective on or before January 1, 2001, and this bill is chaptered last.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44277 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 44277. The Legislature recognizes that effective
4 professional growth must continue to occur throughout
5 the careers of all teachers, in order that teachers remain
6 informed of changes in pedagogy, subject matter, and
7 pupil needs. In enacting this section, it is the intent of the
8 Legislature to establish professional growth
9 requirements that give individual teachers a wide range
10 of options to pursue as well as significant roles in
11 determining the course of their professional growth.

12 (a) The minimum requirements for maintaining the
13 validity of the clear multiple or single subject teaching
14 credential pursuant to Section 44251 shall be both of the
15 following:

16 (1) Successful service as a classroom teacher or
17 successful service authorized by a services credential.
18 The minimum length of service shall be equivalent to
19 one-half of a school year.

20 (2) Completion of an individual program of
21 professional growth as prescribed in this section and by
22 the commission.

23 (b) An individual program of professional growth shall
24 consist of a minimum of 150 clock hours of participation
25 in activities that are aligned with the California Standards
26 for the Teaching Profession that contribute to
27 competence, performance, or effectiveness in the
28 profession of education and the teacher's classroom
29 assignments. Acceptable activities shall be defined by the
30 commission to include, among other acceptable
31 activities, the completion of courses offered by regionally
32 accredited colleges and universities, including
33 instructor-led interactive courses delivered through

1 online technologies; participation in professional
2 conferences, workshops, teacher center programs, staff
3 development programs, or a California Reading
4 Professional Development Program operated pursuant
5 to Article 2 (commencing with Section 99220) of Chapter
6 5 of Part 65; service as a mentor teacher pursuant to
7 Section 44496; participation in school curriculum
8 development projects; participation in systematic
9 programs of observation and analysis of teaching; service
10 in a leadership role in a professional organization; and
11 participation in educational research or innovation
12 efforts. Employing agencies and employees' bargaining
13 agents may negotiate to agree on the terms of programs
14 of professional growth within their jurisdictions, provided
15 that the agreements shall be consistent with this section.

16 (c) An individual program of professional growth shall
17 be developed and planned by the holder of a clear
18 teaching credential.

19 (d) Effective January 1, 1991, an individual program of
20 professional growth may include a basic course in
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which includes training
22 in the subdiaphragmatic abdominal thrust (also known as
23 the "Heimlich maneuver") and meets or exceeds the
24 standards established by the American Heart Association
25 or the American Red Cross for courses in that subject or
26 minimum standards for training programs established by
27 the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Effective
28 January 1, 2001, an individual program of professional
29 growth may also include a course in first aid that meets
30 or exceeds the standards established by the American
31 Red Cross for courses in that subject or minimum
32 standards for training programs established by the
33 Emergency Medical Services Authority. A teacher's
34 participation in these training options shall count towards
35 the minimum 150 clock hours required to satisfy the
36 professional growth requirements.

37 (e) Before a holder of a clear teaching credential
38 commences or amends an individual program of
39 professional growth, a school principal, a mentor teacher
40 provided for in Section 44496, or other district designee

1 shall certify to the credential holder that the planned
2 program or amendment complies with this section and
3 with regulations of the commission.

4 (f) A clear teaching credential shall be deemed to
5 remain valid so long as the holder of the credential, at
6 five-year intervals, submits to the commission
7 verification by a school principal, a mentor teacher, or
8 other district designee that the holder has satisfied the
9 minimum requirements specified in subdivision (a). In
10 the absence of adequate verification, the commission
11 shall invalidate the credential. Verification by a school
12 principal, a mentor teacher, or other district designee
13 shall be independent of any evaluation of the
14 performance of the holder of the clear teaching
15 credential that is conducted for the purpose of
16 determining the credential holder's employment status.
17 The arbitrary refusal of a school principal, a mentor
18 teacher, or other district designee to verify completion of
19 an individual program of professional growth meeting
20 the requirements of this section and commission
21 regulations shall constitute grounds for an appeal as
22 prescribed in Section 44278.

23 *SEC. 1.5. Section 44277 of the Education Code is*
24 *amended to read:*

25 44277. The Legislature recognizes that effective
26 professional growth must continue to occur throughout
27 the careers of all teachers, in order that teachers remain
28 informed of changes in pedagogy, subject matter, and
29 pupil needs. In enacting this section, it is the intent of the
30 Legislature to establish professional growth
31 requirements that give individual teachers a wide range
32 of options to pursue as well as significant roles in
33 determining the course of their professional growth.

34 (a) The minimum requirements for maintaining the
35 validity of the clear multiple or single subject teaching
36 credential pursuant to Section 44251 shall be both of the
37 following:

38 (1) Successful service as a classroom teacher or
39 successful service authorized by a services credential.

1 The minimum length of service shall be equivalent to
2 one-half of a school year.

3 (2) Completion of an individual program of
4 professional growth as prescribed in this section and by
5 the commission.

6 (b) An individual program of professional growth shall
7 consist of a minimum of 150 clock hours of participation
8 in activities that are aligned with the California Standards
9 for the Teaching Profession that contribute to
10 competence, performance, or effectiveness in the
11 profession of education and the teacher's classroom
12 assignments. Acceptable activities shall be defined by the
13 commission to include, among other acceptable
14 activities, the completion of courses offered by regionally
15 accredited colleges and universities, including
16 instructor-led interactive courses delivered through
17 online technologies; participation in professional
18 conferences, workshops, teacher center programs, staff
19 development programs, or a California Reading
20 Professional Development Program operated pursuant
21 to Article 2 (commencing with Section 99220) of Chapter
22 5 of Part 65; service as a mentor teacher pursuant to
23 Section 44496; participation in school curriculum
24 development projects; participation in systematic
25 programs of observation and analysis of teaching; service
26 in a leadership role in a professional organization; ~~and~~
27 participation in educational research or innovation
28 efforts; *and participation in tolerance training as*
29 *described in Section 44670.3.* Employing agencies and
30 employees' bargaining agents may negotiate to agree on
31 the terms of programs of professional growth within their
32 jurisdictions, provided that the agreements shall be
33 consistent with this section.

34 (c) An individual program of professional growth shall
35 be developed and planned by the holder of a clear
36 teaching credential.

37 (d) Effective January 1, 1991, an individual program of
38 professional growth may include a basic course in
39 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which includes training
40 in the subdiaphragmatic abdominal thrust (also known as

1 the “Heimlich maneuver”) and meets or exceeds the
2 standards established by the American Heart Association
3 or the American Red Cross for courses in that subject *or*
4 *minimum standards for training programs established by*
5 *the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Effective*
6 *January 1, 2001, an individual program of professional*
7 *growth may also include a course in first aid that meets*
8 *or exceeds the standards established by the American*
9 *Red Cross for courses in that subject or minimum*
10 *standards for training programs established by the*
11 *Emergency Medical Services Authority. A teacher’s*
12 *participation in ~~this~~ these training ~~option~~ options shall*
13 *count towards the minimum 150 clock hours required to*
14 *satisfy the professional growth requirements.*

15 (e) Before a holder of a clear teaching credential
16 commences or amends an individual program of
17 professional growth, a school principal, a mentor teacher
18 provided for in Section 44496, or other district designee
19 shall certify to the credential holder that the planned
20 program or amendment complies with this section and
21 with regulations of the commission.

22 (f) A clear teaching credential shall be deemed to
23 remain valid so long as the holder of the credential, at
24 five-year intervals, submits to the commission
25 verification by a school principal, a mentor teacher, or
26 other district designee that the holder has satisfied the
27 minimum requirements specified in subdivision (a). In
28 the absence of adequate verification, the commission
29 shall invalidate the credential. Verification by a school
30 principal, a mentor teacher, or other district designee
31 shall be independent of any evaluation of the
32 performance of the holder of the clear teaching
33 credential that is conducted for the purpose of
34 determining the credential holder’s employment status.
35 The arbitrary refusal of a school principal, a mentor
36 teacher, or other district designee to verify completion of
37 an individual program of professional growth meeting
38 the requirements of this section and commission
39 regulations shall constitute grounds for an appeal as
40 prescribed in Section 44278.

1 *SEC. 2. Section 1.5 of this bill incorporates*
2 *amendments to Section 44277 of the Education Code*
3 *proposed by both this bill and AB 1945. It shall only*
4 *become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and*
5 *become effective on or before January 1, 2001, (2) each*
6 *bill amends Section 44277 of the Education Code, and (3)*
7 *this bill is enacted after AB 1945, in which case Section 1*
8 *of this bill shall not become operative.*

